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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 816
By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Doug McBee
and the 1997-1998 Rutledge High School girls'
basketball team on an outstanding season.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's athletic teams are a source of tremendous pride to their
schools, their communities and, most especially their state; and

WHEREAS, the fabulous 1997-1998 Rutledge High School girls' basketball team, which
reached the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament
semifinal round, was clearly one such notable squad; and

WHEREAS, Rutledge won the coveted regular season District 3-AA title, with an
unblemished 8-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pioneers also won the tough Region 2-AA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this talented squad next won their crucial substate match against South
Greene 49-46; and

WHEREAS, at the State Tournament, they vanquished Crockett County, in a hard-fought
37-34 game, marking the first time the school has won a State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, they completed their overall season with a sterling 31-5 record, an
impressive .860 and the best record in school history; and

WHEREAS, the team's highly-regarded head coach, Doug McBee was honored as the
1998 East Tennessee Coach of the Year. In his illustrious 20 years of coaching, Coach McBee

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has compiled an impressive 443 wins and 264 losses, a winning percentage of .627; he has made 18 appearances in the Regional Tournament, winning one regional title and one regional runner-up, and won 10 District championships, finishing District runner-up four times. Coach McBee has been chosen District Coach of the Year seven times; and

WHEREAS, the team was lead by Megan McBee, an Honorable Mention All-State, All-Northeast and All-Lakeway, All-East Tennessee All-Region and Region Most Valuable Player, All-District Tournament and District 3-AA Player of the Year honoree; Amanda Kitts, an All-State Tournament, All-Region and All-District choice; Jenny Jarnagin, named All-Region and All-District, and Amanda Farrar, selected All-Region and All-District; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend this fine team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Doug McBee and the 1997-1998 Rutledge High School girls' basketball team and wish them every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.